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I had breakfast this morning with Jean Monnet at the Plaza Hotel. Having arrived on the night train from Washington, he had been massaged at the Links Club and was in grand form. His conversations with Foster Dulles and Bedell Smith had gone extremely well. Etzel and Spierenberg joined us. I went off for a seance with charming Doctor Joyner and returned to the Plaza to find Ben Moore in colloquy with the members of the High Authority. Jean will receive his honorary degree at Columbia University tomorrow, after which the three will be the official guests of the United States Government on June 3 and 4, residing at Blair or Blair Lee House.

We discussed substantative and other matters before Ben and I set forth for the Brook. I was tempted on the way into buying a picnic basket at Dale's Luggage Shop.

Took the 1:30 train to Washington. It had a new type of dining carriage called "The Grill Car". Little tables for two. I had excellent scrod broiled on charcoal and a bottle of Canadian ale.

I went to the Metropolitan Club, had a drink with Doc Matthews, another with Arthur Page and some of his telephone company friends, then dinner with Elliott Wadsworth, who told me to my surprise (for he certainly does not look it) that he is seventy-seven.

I went out to see Alice and Dean Acheson in Georgetown. I found them in good heart and looking well. I left a bottle of perfume with Vangie's compliments for Alice.

Afterwards a short trek around the corner to Kay Halle's, where I deposited another bottle of perfume and had a long chat with Kay, Joey Ellison and Connie Casey.

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